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The Kiwanis club of Torrance presented a check for \$300 to the Volunteers for Children for use in their work in the children's wards at Harbor General hospital. Shown are: (l-r) Mrs. Dudley Reed, Volunteers treasurer; Mrs. Virginia Stoddard, founder and president of the Volunteers, who is receiving the check from Joe Doss, president of the Kiwanis club; and Dr. Kurt Shery, member of the Kiwanis club's underprivileged children committee which is headed by the Reverend Robert Stanton.—Press Photo.

Incumbents Have Edge Over Other Candidates

By RALPH R. GOMPERTZ

Now that the election is over a number of interesting patterns can be seen and conclusions drawn. Most important is the fact that still the best way to seemingly assure election is the combination of being an incumbent plus strong, organized, active backing and campaigning.

That, we believe, accounts for the fact that both Victor Benstead and Nick Drale were re-elected to office.

Of course a candidate's record figures strongly in his ability to be re-elected. Chances are that voters will reelect the incumbent as long as they have not heard anything too unfavorable about him.

While Benstead appeared to have the edge over Drale throughout Torrance, Jahn led Garabrant in Allied Gardens, Walteria, Seaside, North Torrance, trailing in Hollywood Riviera and central Torrance, according to the individual precinct break-downs.

The importance of active, organized support could be seen in the amount of votes amassed by the candidates of the two major opposing slates. Beverly B. Smith of the Drale ticket ended in fifth place while William E. King, Jr., of the Ben-

stead ticket, followed in seventh place.

Jack E. White, an independent, with strong support in North Torrance, slipped into sixth place.

Two other strong independents were J. E. Thompson (eighth) former Torrance policeman, and Gordon A. Lewis (ninth) receiving strong union backing.

Barring any freak upset in the narrow Jahn-Garabrant vote, it appears likely that the mayorship will continue under present Mayor Albert Isen, since Benstead has frequently stated that he was not interested in the post and has actually declined it on former occasions. Jahn, being a newcomer, is not likely to be considered for the post.

However, it is apparent that these two individuals will vote for Isen as mayor, the only other alternatives being Councilmen Willys Blount or Nick Drale, who represented factions opposed to the Benstead ticket.

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organized labor's endorsement of Benstead, Gordon Lewis and Jack White split public support of the Home Owners' ticket of Benstead, Jahn and King, as well as the "Good Government opposition slate" of Nick Drale, Walter Garabrant and Beverly Smith.

End result, he added, was that all three tickets suffered in the mixup, an unavoidable by-product of true democratic elections in America.

Home Owners Gratified With Results Of Election

News of Torrance's city election results was greeted with enthusiasm yesterday by members of the Torrance Home Owners association for Better Government, which supported two of the three winning candidates.

G. S. (Bill) Evans, retired Torrance police sergeant and association president, said the organization was proud to have backed the candidacy of incumbent Vic Benstead, Bob Jahn and Bill King.

The former two were voted into office, according to unofficial tallies, while King placed seventh ahead of nine other names on the ballot.

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"Our members and friends worked long and hard for the election of a good three-man ticket," he related, "and considering the large field of candidates, the intense campaigns conducted by most of them, and the split geography of Torrance, I believe we did exceptionally well."

Evans said the election appeared to be democratic in every respect and the Home Owners association is satisfied that the majority of the people have expressed their desire for a "better, more constructive, and forward-looking City Government."

President Evans stated that the strong showing of Walter Garabrant, who lost to Jahn by an unofficial margin of twenty votes, was not generally anticipated by association officers.

He pointed out, too, that or-

Committees, Committees, Committees

Everyone seems to have become committee-happy ever since the City Council stalled on taking action on the 90-acre recreation park and referred it to the first of a chain reaction of committees.

After the council referred the matter to the Recreation Commission twice the issue was next referred to a joint committee composed of representatives of the Planning Commission, Recreation Commission, and

some random appointments.

That committee has now recommended that another committee be formed to study the matter. The committee includes the former committee plus one member each from the Indus-

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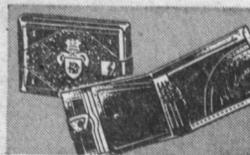


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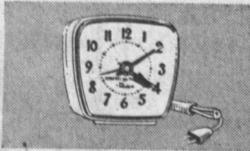
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